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Program Goal: *Vulnerable, rural populations in Sila Region are increasingly able to support themselves in a sustainable manner.*

Introduction:

WCDO proposes to reintroduce sand dams to the region through a carefully designed pilot in partnership with a technical sand dam consultant, involving two communities with sites that have been identified as highly suitable for sand dams. This pilot project of 30 months will focus on the engagement of the community through all phases, from design through evaluation, and will commit to an 18 month period for construction, allowing for an extended period of monitoring and technical support, as well as an opportunity for evaluation 12 months after construction has been completed. Work planned for this quarter included planning and orientation, as well as logistical and HR considerations.

	Beneficiaries for Reporting Period Aug 1 – Sep 30, 2014				Beneficiaries for Cumulative (through Sept 30, 2014) Period			
Sectors	Targeted		Reached		Targeted		Reached	
	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP
WS&H	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Project Summary:

The final agreement of this project was signed in September 15, 2014. Though a pre-award letter was given on time but, the rainy season could not allow WCDO field team to carry out some preliminary works with the beneficiary communities.

It was on September 27 that the team was able to sensitize the community leaders on the coming Sand Dam construction letting them know about their responsibilities and their role to play in the management of the dam. A convention involving the village chiefs, the traditional leaders and the government officials (Sous-prefet and the Prefet) is being written to avoid any conflict around the dam. During the construction, it is expected that trainings of beneficiaries and WCDO staff will take place. The M&E Framework and Detailed Annual Plan were drafted at the end of the quarter, and were finalized shortly after the close of the quarter. Tender documents for the technical consultant were also drafted to be published in the next quarter.

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SECTOR 1. Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WS&H)

SUB-SECTOR: Water Supply Infrastructure

Indicator 1: <i>Number of people directly benefiting from the water supply infrastructure program</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	2,765/395 HHs	0
Indicator 2: <i>Average liters/person /day collected from all sources for drinking, cooking and hygiene</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	15	0
Indicator 3: <i>Average liters/person /day collected from all sources for livelihoods</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	10	0

SUB-SECTOR: Hygiene Promotion

Indicator 1: <i>Number of people receiving direct hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns and without double-counting)</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	2212 (80%)	0
Indicator 2: <i>Number of respondents who know 3 of 5 critical times to wash hands</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	60%	0
Indicator 3: <i>Number of households with soap and water at a hand washing location</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	316 (80% of 395 HHs)	0
Indicator 4: <i>Number of households who store their drinking water safely in clean containers</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	237 (60% of 395 HHs)	0
Indicator 5: <i>Number of households who identify appropriate</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:

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<i>contextual methods of disinfecting drinking water</i>	0	0	0	0	237 (60% of 395 HHs)	0
Indicator 6: <i>Number of village water user committees active at least three months after training</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	2	0
Indicator 7: <i>Number of water points that are clean and protected from contamination</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	2	0

Collaboration/Coordination:

Sand Dam technology being a pilot project, WCDO made a presentation during WASH cluster meeting chaired by OXFAM to explain the importance of this new technology. All projects in line with water resources were initially given attention by the Water Resources Delegate from Abeche or Ndjama city, but the Government has appointed a new delegate in charge of both veterinary and water resources activities in Sila region. It will make our work easier and the French version of the quarterly report can be directly submitted to him.

New Developments:

Nothing more to report.

Challenges:

It was very difficult to get this project started in August as agreed because of the heavy rainfall.

Key activities for the upcoming quarter:

The upcoming quarter will mainly see WCDO sending out the tender or invitation to bid in Kenya requesting Contractors for technical support, WCDO staff, and selected experts from Kenya and program beneficiaries to confirm the final sites for the sand dam construction. In addition, there will be the construction itself under the supervision of the engineers. Procurement and delivery of materials will take place.